GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:460
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2000
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FOR SCS/STS
BUTA SINGH;HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parliamentary Forum of Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe Members of Parliament have demanded establishment of atleast one residential school for boys and girls separately in every district of the country for imparting quality education to the children belonging to SCs/STs families;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon by the Government and the results achieved with regard to this demand;

(c) whether the Government have provided the funds to set up residential schools for the girls belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether this amount has been utilized fully;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendation was referred to the Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Department in turn forwarded the recommendation to all State Governments/UT Administrations for action, as the primary responsibility for setting up of residential schools lies with the States/UTs.

The following schemes to provide residential schools are, however, being operated by Central Government:

1. Special Educational Development Programme for Scheduled Castes Girls belonging to low literacy level,

2. Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas.

3. Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for Scheduled Castes, and

4. Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for welfare of Scheduled Tribes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Statement is enclosed.

(e)&(f) Under the scheme of `Special Educational Development Programme for SC Girls belonging to low literacy level`, in 1997-98, no new residential school was sanctioned as per the decisions of Expenditure Finance Committee. Therefore, the allocated funds could not be utilised in full. However, EFC decided to sanction new residential schools from 1998-99 onwards.
In respect of the scheme of `Educational Complex in Low literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas`, the amount could not be utilised fully due to non-receipt of adequate proposals for releasing grant-in-aid. In this regard State Governments have been reminded from time to time.

Statement referred to in part (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.460 to be answered on 26.4.2000 regarding `Residential Schools for SCs/STs`

1. Special Educational Development Programme for SC Girls belonging to low Literacy Levels

(Rs. In crores)

1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
Funds Allocated	Utilised	Funds Allocated	Utilised	Funds Allocated	Utilised
0.15	0.12	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70

2 .Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas

(Rs. In crores)

1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
Funds Allocated	Utilised	Funds Allocated	Utilised	Funds Allocated	Utilised
4.00	2.20	7.00	3.71	9.00	1.81

3. Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for Scheduled Castes

(Rs in crores)

Year	Funds released
1997-98	4.85
1998-99	8.55
1999-2000	13.94

4.Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for welfare of Scheduled Tribes

(Rs in crores)

Year	Funds released
1997-98	2.27
1998-99	2.23
1999-2000	1.00